

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

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# THE SPIEL

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## QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

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**You won't know unless you ask.** I have learned again recently how true this is. Over the past several weeks I have been asked questions by the Community Schools Resource Coordinator, Cindy that I have then passed on to you. I have sent out text messages, emails and asked people in lifeGroup and Mom to Mom if they could help meet the practical needs of a couple of teachers at Leopold School. The questions have been can anyone help with housing? Does anyone have a bed, sheets, towels or house furnishings to share? Can anyone help with gas gift cards or groceries? **You won't know unless you ask.** And WOW!! God has moved in the hearts of you his people and you have been quick to respond, generous, kind, and the answer has been YES, and here's more!

We had housing arranged within 5 minutes of sending out a text. As it turned out, the teacher was able to secure an apartment and we didn't have to use the house. But just knowing that she had an option and would not need to sleep in her car with her three children brought her such hope.

Then we had another teacher, Maestro Silva who is here on a teacher exchange program from Colombia. He was able to move into his apartment, but had nothing to furnish it with. So, Cindy asked the Adopt a School Partners and the PFO and within 24 hours items were given, collected and distributed to him! He was blown away at the generosity and has also been able to share with some of the other teachers (there are 10 here from Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela, not all at Leopold).



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This is a quote from a text from Cindy: “Andres got teary eyed when he saw all of the stuff. He said he will share with colleagues in the program. We are infinitely grateful.” And here is a picture.

One of the families in my lifeGroup said they had a twin size bed and frame they could give. By the time (just the next day) I checked back in on the spreadsheet there was already a double bed given. So I checked back in with the other teacher with the 3 children and sure enough she was in need of a bed for one of her children. God knew we needed that twin size bed, I was able to deliver it and they were so, so grateful.

THANK YOU! For taking the time to listen to the questions being asked. For responding so quickly and with such generosity. For being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Sounds a lot like the first church to me in Acts 2:42-44 - and why we have lifeGroup, and why our tagline is, live life together, and why our mission is to connect people to life in Jesus, and why our vision is to have an ever expanding network of Household Wells. (Welcomes in Jesus, Engages with neighbors, Listens for insight, Loves to Try) Let’s keep listening, and responding and making an eternal difference in our community.

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.” Acts 2:42-44



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# HIGHER GROUND

equipping our youth with life-long skills to be followers of Jesus.

## COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND: 6:30PM-8PM

Let's get together to start wrapping up our series on finding truth. Students are welcome to come early to spend time with each other and play games.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH HIGHER GROUND FALL RETREAT

The fall retreat is at Camp Lutherdale (<https://www.lutherdale.org/>). Our theme is "Gifted!" We will be looking at our spiritual gifts, our passions, and how God is using them for his glory. We will spend time outside, have a firepit, and play games. Email Emily if you're interested.



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND: 5PM-6:30PM

My way or God's way? That is the question we will be talking about at Life in the Word this week. Fifth and sixth grade students and parents are invited to join us to dive into the Lord's Prayer. Don't forget your Bible, catechism, and comic strip about the Kingdom of God.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: [EPOWERS@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM](mailto:EPOWERS@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM)



*Our Adopt a School Partner is:*

## **LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **WAYS TO SERVE:**

If you want to volunteer at Leopold in the classroom you will need to go to [this website](#) and follow the steps necessary. They are in need of people to read with students and help with classroom celebrations.

**November 2nd** is Teacher/Parent Conferences at Leopold Elementary. If you are able to provide desserts for their meal, please contact Amy at [ameyer@livelifegether.com](mailto:ameyer@livelifegether.com).

Leopold has received a Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Grant so they receive those daily and are in need of someone from **8:30 - 9:30am Tuesday - Friday** to help sort and count out the amount needed for each class. Even if you could take one of those days it would be greatly appreciated.

*Questions? Contact Amy Meyer. [ameyer@livelifegether.com](mailto:ameyer@livelifegether.com)*

# *Kids* **CONNECTION**

Kids Connection is for children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under, and their parents. Kids learn bible stories through games, crafts and songs. Kids build strong relationships with each other while learning truths about Jesus. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend this class as junior helpers. Contact Emily Powers at [epowers@livelifegether.com](mailto:epowers@livelifegether.com).

### **OCTOBER 22ND: 10:15AM-11:30AM**

This week our adventures take us more into the story of Abraham. We will discover that God keeps his promises and that nothing is too hard for God. Join us from 10:15am-11:30am for games, music and crafts that will help kids explore God's Big Story.

# MESSAGE & NOTES

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## WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?

Mark 10:46-52

*He knows. Yet, it is pleasant for God to hear. And, it is in itself healing for us to ask. So, LOVE asks.*

### WORD

Read Matthew 16:13-20

Read through the passage slowly - then read it again. (perhaps in more than one translation)

In between the readings ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen for a particular word or phrase that he wants to highlight for you.

Share what phrase jumped out at you and why you think it stood out to you today.

What answers to that question do you think you would hear today from a neighbor, friend, or possibly family member?

Who do YOU say that Jesus is?

### PRAY

Ask God to reveal himself to those in your life that may be unsure of who Jesus is. Ask him to increase your confidence in who he is, and that you would be full of courage and boldness to share him with those around you.

### LOVE

Who in your life needs to be reminded of the truth about who Jesus is? How will you share that with them this week?

# CALENDAR & EVENTS



## UPCOMING:

### *SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND: 9AM WORSHIP*

Join us for our in-person and online worship on Sunday at 9am. Join us online at [lifelifetogether.com/thisweek](http://lifelifetogether.com/thisweek). You will find the livestream, the bulletin, the link for 2\*22, the lifeLines and all that you need for the week, on this page. We look forward to worshipping together.

### *WEDNESDAYS, 9AM CHECK-IN, 9:30AM DISCUSSION MOM TO MOM*

We are a group of moms who gather together weekly to support each other, share struggles and joys, pray, and learn what God has to say about our role as moms. Starting September 13th we will dive into a Right Now Media video series that covers topics such as comparison, burnout, self-care, and mom guilt. Children are welcome! We hope to see you there. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer [ameyer@lifelifetogether.com](mailto:ameyer@lifelifetogether.com).

### *SUNDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 10TH: AFTER WORSHIP 2\*22: THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION*

We're kicking off 2\*22 for the fall on October 1st. We'll be diving into the Right Now Media Series called *The 7 Churches of Revelation*. One of the most complex and most mysterious books of the Bible, the text addresses seven churches located in what is now modern-day Turkey, who each received a personal letter from the risen Christ. Who were these churches and what did they represent? What can they teach us about the history of our civilization? What do they have to say to Christians of today and those who live in the 21st century? Could the prophecies of Revelation still be relevant today? We'll watch the video and have some discussion time afterward.



***OCTOBER STORY TOPIC: QUESTIONS***

**What Question is God asking you right now?**

We are collecting stories as a way to inspire and encourage others. We'd love to hear from you! It can be anything, big or small. You can write on our story wall in the Welcome Area or you can email your story to Jess at [jomalley@livelifetogether.com](mailto:jomalley@livelifetogether.com).

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH: 9AM-3PM OAKWOOD VILLAGE PRAIRIE RIDGE CRAFT FAIR**

Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge [5565 Tancho Drive Madison, WI] will be hosting a vendor craft fair, bake sale, and raffle basket event. There will be more than 20 vendors. Funds raised at this event will go to support the Oakwood Resident Association Fund and the Assisted Living Life Enrichment program. NEW this year is from 8am - 10am Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck and 11am - 1pm Blowin' Smoke BBQ. Public is welcome to attend this event.

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED GATHERING***

Our blessings are many! We have been gifted with time, talent and resources to use for God's glory. Join us for Well Connected in October as we discover practical ways that our households can recognize and use those blessings.

***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT MOD PIZZA [2960 CAHILL MAIN FITCHBURG]***

Order online ALL DAY through the MOD app or their website using the CODE: MODGIVES25 and MOD pizza will donate 25% of your bill to support the preschool!

**SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES**



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# PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



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## BIRTHDAYS

10/23 Bart Hettenbach  
10/27 Susan Mixdorf

## ANNIVERSARIES

10/22—12 years  
Tyler & Kate Verri

10/23—8 years  
Shane & Amanda Fisher

10/26—49 years  
Bill & Kathy Kahler

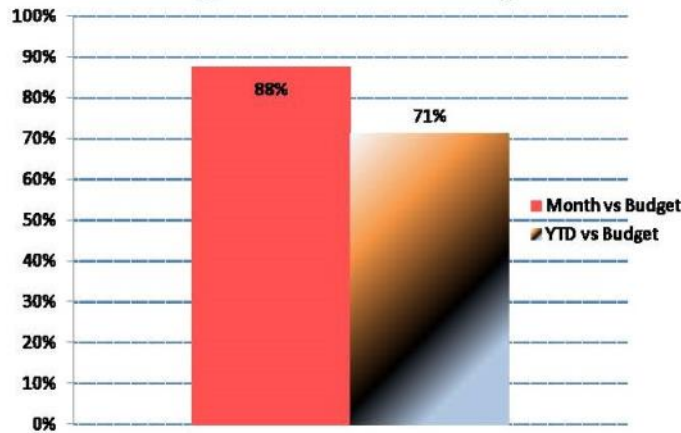
10/28—45 years  
Charles & Karin Verri

Birthdays and Anniversaries for this week! If your special day does not appear,  
please contact the church office to update your records.

# GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



Tithes and Offerings as of September 28th, 2023			
September Received	\$ 38,152	2023 Received	\$ 437,192
September Goal MTD	40,675	2023 Goal thru September 14	433,045
September Monthly Goal	43,581	Total 2023 Goal	612,376
<b>Left to Reach Month Goal</b>	<b>5,429</b>	<b>Left to Reach Annual Goal</b>	<b>175,184</b>
September Total Last Year	39,492	This Year Surplus/(Deficit)	4,147
		2022 Total	661,724

Additional Information as of September 28th, 2023			
Line of Credit Balance	<b>ZERO</b>	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 80,838
		Last paid 8/25/23	

Church and Preschool Finances for August 2023				
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Church Rev.	424,305	453,878	Preschool Rev.	97,767
Church Exp.	467,886	508,432	Preschool Exp.	88,830
Net Income	(43,582)	(54,554)	Net Income	8,937
YOY Difference	10,972		YOY Difference	(2,042)

## COMMUNION

If you're a guest, you're welcome to attend the Lord's Supper with us this morning. We only ask of you what God asks of us all - that you can answer 'yes' to the following questions:

- ♦ Have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- ♦ Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
- ♦ Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- ♦ Do I believe that Jesus' true body and blood are present in the bread and wine?
- ♦ Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If you have questions, please feel free to speak with a Pastor, a Worship Assistant, or someone sitting near you.

# SERVICE TIMES:

the Church  
2833 Raritan Rd.  
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Combined Traditional & Exalt Worship  
9:00AM [In-Person & Online]

UNEXPECTED...Questions: Do You Want To Get Well? [October 22nd, 2023]